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SUBJECT: NEW YORK TIMES SUMMARY MAY 25

IN FOUR COLUMN LEAD TIMES SAYS, " MAGRUDER AGREES TO ADMIT
GUILT AND BE WITNESS FOR PROSECUTION; NIXON ASSAILS THEFTS
OF SECRETS". U. S. ATTORNEY IN WATERGATE CASE SAYS HE EXPECTS
FURTHER INDICTMENTS WITHIN 60 TO 90 DAYS WHICH WOULD BE
" COMPREHENSIVE" AND WOULD FOCUS ON " OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE"
IN COVERUP. IN SENATE HEARINGS WATERGATE CONSPIRATOR BARKER
SAYS HIS AIM IN THE BREAK- IN OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY HEADQUARTERS
WAS TO FIND DOCUMENTS PROVING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE PARTY
FROM THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT, AND THAT HE HOPED THE BREAK-
IN WOULD SPEED THE LIBERATION OF CUBA, WHERE HE WAS BORN.
FORMER F. B. I DIRECTOR GRAY TESTIFIED BEFORE SENATE APPRO-
PRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE HE WARNED PRESIDENT NIXON ON JULY 6
THAT HIS STAFF AIDES WERE " TRYING TO MORTALLY WOUND YOU"
BY HAMPERING F. B. I. INQUIRY.

ALSO ON FRONT PAGE TIMES REPORTS C. I. A. COULD FIND NO SUB-
STANTIAL EVIDENCE OF FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT IN DOMESTIC
RADICAL ACTIVITIES, ACCORDING TO GOVERNMENT SOURCES, WHO
SAID HIGH- LEVEL WHITE HOUSE AIDES REJECTED THE C. I. A.
REPORTS IN 1969 AND 1970 AND ARRANGED FOR MORE THAN 35
AGENTS OF THE F. B. I TO OPEN OVERSEAS INTELLIGENCE POSTS IN
20 COUNTRIES. THE C. I. A. HAD REPORTEDLY FOUND THAT " RADICAL
MOVEMENTS WERE HOME- GROWN" AND NOT FOREIGN INSTIGATED, AS
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AIDES BELIEVED.

FOLLOWING FRONT PAGE STORY ON NIXON SPEECH AT STATE DEPT.,
INSIDE HEADLINE READS, " NIXON, ADDRESSING EX- POW' S, ASSAILS

THEFT OF SECRETS AS THREAT TO THE NATION". CITING OVERRIDING NEEDS OF NATIONAL SECURITY FOR SECRECY, PRESIDENT SAYS, " IT IS TIME TO STOP MAKING HEROES OUT OF THOSE WHO STEAL SECRETS AND PUBLISH THEM IN THE NEWSPAPERS."

CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM MILLS, R- MD., COMMITS SUICIDE FIVE DAYS AFTER DISCLOSURE THAT HIS CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION HAD BEEN PARTLY FINANCED BY UNREPORTED FUNDS FROM THE NIXON CAMPAIGN ORGANIZATION.

TIMES EDITORIAL SAYS, " PRESIDENT NIXON' S SPEECH TO THE FORMER P. O. W. S ... WAS AN IMPASSIONED DEFENSE- NOT OF TELLING THE TRUTH OR OF OBEYING THE LAW OR OF DEALING FAIRLY WITH ONE' S ADVERSARIES- BUT OF SECRECY." AFTER ANALYZING HISTORICAL AMERICAN VIEW OF SECRECY IN CONDUCT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS TIMES CONCLUDES, " THE PERILS OF SECRECY FAR OUTWEIGH ITS ADVANTAGES. IF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS INCAPABLE OF GETTING STRAIGHT THESE FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS, IT IS ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT THAT THE FORMER P. O. W. S AND THE REST OF US PONDER THEM IN THESE DIFFICULT DAYS FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA." ON OPED PAGE RESTON SAYS PRESIDENT NIXON ABUSES USE OF NATIONAL SECURITY AS JUSTIFICATION FOR HIS ACTIONS. WICKER FINDS THE BALANCE OF POWER BETWEEN PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS TO HAVE TILTED SO FAR TO THE PRESIDENCY THAT IT MUST BE CHECKED BY SENATE SCRUTINY OF THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF. MARCUS RASKIN AND ROBERT BOROSAGE CLAIM, " THE WATERGATE AFFAIR IS THE NATURAL OUTGROWTH OF THE STRUCTURAL TRANSFORMATION OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WHICH BEGAN AFTER WORLD WAR II," AND CALL FOR A NEW CODE OF CONDUCT TO HOLD U. S. LEADERS PERSONALLY ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTS AT HOME AND ABROAD. SENATOR HUGH SCOTT ARGUES FOR THE LEGALITY OF PRESIDENTIAL IMPOUNDMENT OF FUNDS.

NEW JERSEY' S FORMER TREASURER, JOSEPH MCCRANE JR ., ACCUSED OF CONSPIRACY WITH NELSON GROSS, WAS INDICTED ON FEDERAL CHARGES OF MASTERMINDING A FINANCE SCHEME BASED ON INCOME TAX FRAUD DURING GOVERNOR CAHILL' S 1969 CAMPAIGN.
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